

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application (material to be inserted in amended claims is in underline, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~).

1. (Currently Amended) A sock comprising a body, the body comprising an external surface and an internal surface, wherein at least a substantial portion of the internal surface is adapted to contact a wearer when the sock is worn by a user, the sock further comprising first and second openings ~~positioned extending~~ through the body of the sock from the external surface to the internal surface, the openings being sized sufficiently to allow a second sock to be threaded through the openings and retained to the sock thereby, wherein the sock further comprises material behind the openings and attached to the internal surface of the sock such that a wearer's leg is not visible through the openings while the sock is being worn, and further wherein the material is configured to contact the second sock when the second sock is threaded through the openings.

2. (Original) The sock of claim 1 where the openings are spaced apart parallel slits.

3. (Currently Amended) The sock of claim 1 ~~comprising wherein the body of the sock is formed from a material, and further wherein the material behind the openings such that a wearer's leg is not viewable through the openings while the sock is being worn is formed from the same material.~~

4-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The sock of claim 21 where the ~~parallel slits~~~~openings~~ are spaced apart a distance of five inches or less~~that is proportional to the weight of a material from which the second sock is formed~~.

11-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 1, wherein the body includes a leg portion, and further wherein the openings extend through the leg portion of the body of the sock.

17. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 2, wherein the body includes a leg portion, and further wherein the slits extend through the leg portion of the body of the sock.

18. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 1, wherein the openings include finished slits that are adapted not to unravel.

19. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 18, wherein each slit includes a perimeter that is at least one of serged, seemed, bound, and sealed.

20. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 18, wherein the body includes a leg portion, and further wherein the slits extend through the leg portion of the body of the sock.

21. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 1, wherein the body is formed from fabric and the openings are formed in the fabric.

22. (Currently Amended) The sock of claim 1, wherein the ~~sock body defines an internal surface and an external surface, and further wherein the sock further material behind the openings includes~~ a swatch attached to the internal surface of the body.
23. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 22, wherein the swatch is a fabric swatch.
24. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 22, wherein the swatch is sewn to the body.
25. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 22, wherein the swatch is knit to the body.
26. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 22, wherein the swatch includes a perimeter, and further wherein the swatch is attached to the body of the sock along a portion of the perimeter of the swatch.
27. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 22, wherein the swatch defines, with the body of the sock, a channel through which the second sock may be inserted.
28. (Previously Presented) The sock of claim 22, wherein the swatch includes a perimeter, and further wherein the swatch is attached to the body of the sock along the entire perimeter of the swatch.
29. (Currently Amended) The sock of claim 16, ~~wherein the sock body defines an internal surface and an external surface, and further wherein the sock further includes~~ wherein the material behind the openings includes a swatch attached to the internal surface of the body.

30-31. (Cancelled)

32. (New) The sock of claim 29, wherein the openings are spaced apart by a distance of five inches or less.

33. (New) The sock of claim 29, wherein the openings include finished slits that are adapted not to unravel.